THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU.THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Government do not propose to conduct such a survey for the present.

Survey on sea terminals in coastal areas of Karnataka

2618. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sea travel is becoming increasingly popular in the country;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have identified any potential cruise terminals in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to establish cruise terminals in coastal areas of Karnataka between Mangalore and Karwar; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU.THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) it is felt that Major Ports at Mumbai, Mormugao, New Mangalore and Cochin have potential to attract cruise vessels. These Ports have been receiving cruise vessels for the last few years.

(e) and (f)The Major Port at New Mangalore has plans to modernize/ establish passenger terminal which can be used for cruise vessels.